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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

By the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality Planning

PUBLIC NOTICE

<u>Lower Virgin River—Total Maximum Daily</u> Load Allocation for Boron

Pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, the State of Nevada is required to develop a list of impaired waterbodies that need additional work beyond existing controls to achieve or maintain water quality standards. The lower Virgin River from the Nevada-Arizona state line to Lake Mead is currently listed on Nevada's 1998 303(d) List for exceedences of the boron and total phosphorus water quality standards. These exceedences typically occur during periods of low flow.

In an effort to achieve and maintain the existing water quality standard for boron in the Lower Virgin River, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Quality Planning has developed a graduated Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocation for boron, based on water flow, effective at the Nevada-Arizona state line.

The Division is issuing this Public Notice and soliciting public comment on the boron TMDL prior to its final issuance and implementation. Support documentation and rationale used in the determination of the boron TMDL has been incorporated into the document entitled:

"Lower Virgin River—Boron Total Maximum Daily Loads"

A draft copy is available for review at:

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Copies can also be obtained by contacting the Bureau of Water Quality Planning at the address given above or from the NDEP website at http://ndep.state.nv.us/bwqp/303dlist.htm.

Written public comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 15, 2002. Questions or comments should be directed to:

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